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This is the Callboard...

For those of you who are new to WSYT, this is the Callboard, the “official” WSYT newspaper! You’ll get one each week (and sometimes even a special edition when there’s something important to tell you about!) Please make sure you share your Callboard with Mom or Dad. There’s important information in there for them too! Reminder – The Callboard is also posted out on our website each week!

This week in WSYT

Our first night together started out with a Treasure Hunt! We scoured the WSYT spaces in the school in teams to find some “lost” WSYT items and in the process made some new friends and worked together. We then split into companies after our break.

Wednesday found us breaking out into groups for audition prep with Kyle, Kait and Rachele or Music Night with Devon, Deb and Paul. To round out the evening Staff Intern Greg introduced us all to a new game, Cinnamon Roll – a fun way to learn a little more about each other.

Thursday began our first round of auditions while the rest of the company either participated in a workshop with Deb, Paul and Greg, or in Choreography with Kait and Dina.

Director's Notes

Audition prep was fun this week! Our group of new WSYTeers and a big group of WSYT’eers who wanted a refresher course got to observe the difference between a REALLY bad audition and a great audition (and it has nothing to do with talent!), got a sneak peek at the “dramatic” portion of their audition, and a preview of the dance workshop/audition.

Music Night gave everyone a chance to warm up their voices for the long summer ahead, start learning some BARNUM music, and communicate with Devon about their vocal audition. Auditions will continue through next Wednesday with casting announced on Thursday, July 1.

Company Chat

Jr. Company is focusing on “Doin’ it Big – with Punctuation!” - the art of expression and crisp, purposeful movement – and having lots of “Ta-Da” moments! We’ll be writing and performing our own short, 5-minute play featuring the language of the circus.

Senior Company will be embarking on a journey through the “Viewpoints” technique, as outlined in The Viewpoints Book by Anne Bogart and Tina Landau. Over the course of the workshops, we will build a strong ensemble capable of acting as a single unit, as well as opening up individually and finding our own personal strengths. We’re already well on our way, learning to listen to each other and focus, so that as a group we can all jump in the air and land at the exact same time!

Advanced Acting (AA) will be exploring the art of Pantomime through some vintage playlets and will also be working on our practical actor’s tools like writing our own program bios! We will also be working the fine points of musical punctuation through movement this summer. Our first evening together was spent coming back to the basics of working as a team (marshmallows are very sticky on a hot night!) and listening to instructions as well as pushing through the challenge of what a rehearsal will be like this summer without giving up our energy.

Next week in WSYT

Tuesday – Auditions for Barnum
Wednesday – More Auditions
Thursday – Workshop night – split companies
Cast of Barnum announced!

WSYT Events

FIELD TRIP – please remember that Kyle needs EVERYBODY’S field trip form returned even if you aren’t going with us on the trip. Some of our WSYT’eers have already returned their forms and we thank you. If you have yet to return your form, please don’t wait – we need to get an accurate count of who is going as soon as possible!

Volunteers' Update

Our Set Construction Crew Chief Mike Kane will be contacting our volunteers soon. Set designer Greg Trochlil has been hard at work bringing Kyle's vision to reality and some "pieces and parts" have already arrived at the school. If you are building or painting this year, the set workspace has been moved into the cafeteria due to increased classroom needs at the Middle School. You can find our volunteers in there on any work night.

Costume crew is looking for a "Chief"! This doesn't need to be anyone with specific sewing skills – just someone who is willing to contact volunteers and manage projects and the work schedule with Deb's guidance. Deb will be "on deck" this year during work nights at the school. Count on learning how to work those sewing machines ladies!!!

Our sewing crew will have a quick meeting on Wednesday next week – June 30th to get started with a plan of attack. Meet Deb in the Cafeteria at 7:30 and we'll get organized real quick.

Sewing crew will also be working in the Cafeteria (away from the sawdust!) so it will be a very busy environment this summer.

Contacting the Staff?

In the event that you need to contact the WSYT staff usually the best way is by email. All of the Senior Staff have WSYT email addresses that can be linked through the WSYT website – wsytontheweb.org

If there is an urgent matter for one of the program directors, calling our cell phones is the best way to leave a message or speak to us directly –

Kyle's Cell – 949-0845

Kyle can also get your message faster if she's at work if it's by text message

Deb's Cell – 330-8576

Deb doesn't do text! So if you're trying to reach her during the work day you can call her work number 744-3538 or email her at work dtrimble@massmutual.com

Carolyn's Chit Chat

As a former WSYT'er and an actress who has been through the audition grind, I know how hard it is to psych yourself up for an audition. They never get easier! But if you're prepared, and follow the audition advice that the WSYT staff has given you over the years you will find yourself feeling just a little more comfy up there and you'll also notice that you feel better about how you did in your audition. What's the moral of the story – practice, prepare and don't be afraid to do it big! Good luck to all of you!

Alumni Night

Next Thursday – July 1st – is our "Alumni Night" – when the graduates of WSYT are invited to come back and "play" in AA again for one night only! If you see some familiar faces from prior years roaming the halls be sure to give them a warm WSYT "Welcome Back"!